

Fourth SUNDAY IN LENT

March 14, 2010

Notes from
Fr. Dean



Laetare Sunday

is the traditional designation of the Fourth Sunday of Lent. Laetare is the first word of the Introit antiphon. Laetare which means "Rejoice" sets the tone of our joyful anticipation of the Easter mystery. Rejoice! We are over

the half-way mark of our Lenten Observances! The liturgical rubrics for the United States permit the covering of crosses until Good Friday and statues under after the Easter Vigil. This is not required, it is permitted.

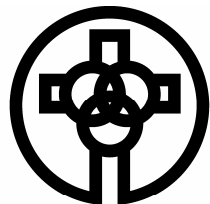
MEMORIAL BOARD:

I apologize for the lapse regarding adding names to the Memorial Board. Although in the past the board may have simply recognized names of deceased parishioners, it will be used for names of deceased for whom memorials (of \$250) have been made to the church. The names will be added within the next week.

Lenten Penance Service

6:30 pm Monday, March 15

Several area priests will be here to administer the Sacrament of Penance: Rite of Reconciliation at St. Jude Parish **6:30 pm, Monday, March 15.** The Communal



RECONCILED
with God

Penance Service is an opportune time for Returning Home to the Lord for Lent by repenting of our sins and believing in the words of the Gospel: God is kind and merciful, rich in compassion, and abiding in love. The Communal Penance Service provides for the individual confidential confession of sins and individual absolution in the midst of community prayer. Please take the opportunity to be reconciled with God and the Church.

Mission Trip Lasagna Sale begins March 17th!!



Our 3rd annual Lasagna sale begins this coming week after PSR classes and at the weekend masses. You'll be able to pre-order a large (10" x 13") pan of homemade lasagna for \$20.00 or a small (7" round) pan for \$10.00. These will be made fresh and ready to be picked up after masses on April 10th & 11th.

Liturgical Ministers for Holy Week

On the table at the entrance to the church are the sign-up sheets for Holy Week. If you are server, minister of hospitality, extraordinary minister of Holy Communion or mass coordinator and will be available to serve on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil or Easter please sign-up. Lectors will be needed for Easter morning Masses, for all other Masses, lectors will be contacted by Nancy Calvert. Thank you for volunteering during Holy Week and throughout the year.

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

Sunday – March 14

- 9:10 a PSR Classes
- 4:00 p **Completing Initiation Instruction**
- 6:30 p HS Electives

Monday – March 15

- 8:30 a Morning Prayer
- 9:00 a Count/Team #3: Foster, Spurlock, Ginter
- 5:00 p Rosary
- 6:30 p **Parish Communal Penance Service**

Tuesday – March 16

- 7:15 a Rosary during Eucharistic Adoration
- 8:15 a Benediction
- 8:30 a Morning Prayer
- 7:00 p KC Meeting

Wednesday – March 17

- 7:30 a Rosary
- 8:30 a Morning Prayer
- 5:30 p Children's Choir Practice
- 6:30 p PSR classes
- 6:30 p Adult Ed
- 7:30 p Adult Choir Practice

Thursday – March 18

- 7:15 a Rosary
- 8:30 a Morning Prayer
- 5:30 p Stations of the Cross
- 6:00 p **Servers' Training**
- 7:00 p Building Committee Meeting

Friday – March 19

- 7:30 a Rosary
- 8:30 a Morning Prayer
- 5:00 p K-C Fish Fry

Saturday – March 20

- 9:00 a Servers' Training
- 4:30 p Sacrament of Penance: Rite of Reconciliation

Sunday – March 21

- 9:10 a PSR Classes
- 5:00 p Lenten Family Program and Dinner

SERVERS TRAINING: for new and review for others:

- Come to either training sessions:
- 6:00 pm Thursday, March 18.
- 9:00 am Saturday, March 20.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The Adult Faith Group meets 6:30 pm each Wednesday night the Pastor's office. The topic this week will be on the Eucharist and Eucharistic Miracles. Come join us any Wednesday night that they have PSR classes.

LITURGISTS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – March 20-21

Eucharistic Ministers
Lector
Hospitality
Servers
Minister of Care
Mass Coordinator

Saturday 5:30pm
 Settles / Lower / Deacon Tom
 Lower / McMinn
 Carrigan Family
 Freveletti / Riedle / Settles

 Monica Lower

Sunday 8:00am
 Wuellner / Godar / Nelson
 Toliver / Atkinson
 Parnell / Roland / Smith
 A & G Otten / Marx
 Lenna DeGroot
 Carlo & Jan Catalano

Sunday 10:30 am
 C & J Biesiada / Deacon Tom
 Garland / Jasinski
 Decker Family
 G & A Henson / Martyn

 Jeannette Waters

Church Dusters for the week of March 14: Sue & Victoria Arnish and Carla Houser
Hospitality – Donuts – Next Weekend: Jan Pietras & Diana Rowden
Art & Environment for next weekend: Ed & Judy Bedore
Children’s Liturgy of the Word for next weekend: Sara & Randy Rhodes and Ilana Grenda
Recycling Volunteers for March: Joe Dorman
St. Martin’s Food Volunteers for March: Jack Miller

MASS INTENTIONS

Mar 13 Sat 5:30 p Lucy Yong †
Mar 14 Sun 8:00 a Tony Krager †
 10:30 a Larry Gadert †
Mar 15 Mon 5:30 p Our Parish Family
Mar 16 Tue 6:45 a Leroy Santarelli †
Mar 17 Wed 8:00 a Jack Downey †
Mar 18 Thu 6:45 a Mary Agnes Nevins †
Mar 19 Fri 8:00 a Michael Catteau, Jr. †
Mar 20 Sat 5:30 p Bill Sinkus †
Mar 21 Sun 8:00 a Our Parish Family
 10:30 a Nieberding Family †

The cross reflects those who have died; non-cross reflects special intention for those still living.

OUR GIFT TO GOD Fiscal Year 7/1/09 – 6/30/10

	Year to Date	Last Week
Collection	\$195,099.90	\$ 7,039.00
Electronic Funds	\$ 37,579.60	\$ 1,887.00
Bldg. Dev. Fund	\$ 15,005.14	\$ 857.00
EFT – Dev. Fund	\$ 4,248.00	\$ 198.00
Poor Fund	\$ 662.78	\$ 26.10
Catholic Times	\$ 2,231.00	\$ 25.00
Haiti Collection	\$ 7,015.11	\$
Eastern Europe	799.66	\$ 45.00
Catholic Charities	1,570.00	\$ 25.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 471.00	\$ 100.00

Children’s Stewardship: Collection \$ 3.01
 Among the deeds: helped load girl scout cookies; helped my teacher; put my clothes away; held the door for someone.

Annual Catholic Services appeal: Goal: \$35,000.00
 As of 1/27/09: 105 Contributors Pledged: \$17,464.00



Stewardship Notice: Beginning next Sunday for two weeks, we will be collecting specific food items for the **Asbury’s Children’s Supper Hour**. They have specifically requested the following food items: **Spaghetti Sauce, cans of Tuna, cans of Fruit, cans of Vegetables, Snack Cakes, and Freezer Pops**. The items may be dropped into the food baskets and they will be sorted and delivered. Thank you for your Christian charity.

Deacon Tom

DAILY READINGS:

March 14 - 21
Sun – Jos 5:9-12; Ps 23: 1-6; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Mon – Is 65:17-21; 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; Jn 4:43-54
Tue – Ez 47:1-9, 12; 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wed – Is 49:8-15; 145:8-9, 13-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
Thu – Ex 32:7-14; 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
Fri – 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a
Sat – Jer 11:18-20; 7:2-3, 9-12; Jn 7:40-53
Sun – Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

Please pray for the sick



Maude & John Kenworth - Parishioners
Ray Roland - Parishioner
Beverly Zimmerman - sister of Tom Bowen
Mary Beth Vetter - sister of Teri Dambacher
Barbara Barnett - niece of Joan Mavis
Mason Houser – Parishioner
Joe Hittler – brother-in-law of Sarah Clare
David King – bro/son of Deb, Mary Beth & Mary King
Bob Cooney - parishioner & father of Jan Heissinger
Patti - friend of Amy Zack
Judy – mother of Amy Zack
Robert DeRenzy – father of Jean Rose-DeRenzy
Ray Weitekamp – uncle of Dennis Weitekamp
Roy Weitekamp – uncle of Dennis Weitekamp
Carol & Tom – friends of Ginger Rentschler
John Woodruff – former member

(Note: Names will remain on the active prayer list for three weeks unless a request is made to extend it for an additional three weeks.)

Advertiser of the Week

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KC Fish Frys continue this week and for two more!



Friday, March 19,

5:00-7:30 pm

Volunteers are needed! All volunteers are welcomed to assist the Knights of Columbus at the Friday Fish Fry’s.

Journey through the 3-days: A Family Lenten Program & Dinner

To help your family better understand what will be happening during Holy week and the great significance and importance of the Triduum (three days) in particular, make some time for this year's family program which begins at 5:00 pm **next Sunday evening**. After this short 1-hour program where you'll have the chance to learn about holy week in a "family-friendly" manner with even a short craft activity, you'll be treated to a free dinner served "family-style" with bowls of home-cooked food to bring back to your table. The sign-up for this event for all individuals & families in the parish are at the back of the church this weekend.

Lenten: Extra Prayer Opportunities:

Daily Mass: as scheduled each week.

Stations of the Cross: 5:30 pm Thursdays

Walk the path of Jesus from his condemnation to his crucifixion as we hear the words of Jesus "to take up our cross and follow him."

**Scriptural Rosary: 5:00 pm Monday,
7:15 am Tues/Thurs. (after Mass)
7:30 am Wed/Friday (before Mass)**

Eucharistic Adoration: 7:15-8:15 am Tuesdays

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in the Monstrance on the Altar for Adoration and Prayer. Spend a few minutes before our Lord in the Eucharist.

Benediction: 8:15 am Tuesdays

The closing of Adoration is held with Scripture, Song and Eucharistic Blessing and the Divine Praises.

Morning Prayer: 8:30 am Weekdays

Join the parish staff in praying the liturgy of the hours.

Retreat Opportunities

24 hour Men's Retreat – March 19th & 20th

Space is still available for the "Paul, Barnabas, & Timothy" Men's retreat on March 19th & 20th at the Villa Maria. Consider spending about 24 hours from Friday night to Saturday afternoon for a time of retreat to reckon with the issues men face, grow in your faith, and recommit to living as a disciple of Christ in today's world. The cost for this experience is only \$25.00 thanks to the sponsorship of the diocesan family life office. As we move through lent towards the passion and resurrection of Jesus, we have a good chance of growing closer to God through intentional choices that bring us alongside others who demonstrate the same desire. If you would like more information or to register, contact Dan at the parish center office.

A day of healing and forgiveness

for those who have had an abortion or been affected by abortion will be held at the **Chiara Center** at the Franciscan Motherhouse in Springfield on Saturday, **March 20, 2010** from 9:00 am–3:00 pm. To register, call the Project Rachel hotline at 1-877-722-4355 or local at 217-698-4456. Give your first name and that you want to attend the March 20 day of healing. If you want us to call to confirm your registration, leave your telephone number. There is a \$15 charge and scholarships are available. You can pay at the door. Talks are given by post-abortive women. All are welcome

Diocesan PLANNING: Future with Less Priests

The pastors and parish life coordinators of the parishes in our Diocese have been requested to gather representatives of their parishes, especially Pastoral Council and Staff, to comprise a report to a Regional Commission regarding the future staffing of parishes and models for priestly ministry among parishes. The questionnaire elicits the parish responses to the following questions:

1. What are three ways you see your parish cooperating with neighboring parishes in the future?
2. Which two or three nearby parishes would be the most likely for your parish to work more closely with in the future? Why?
3. Given that most parishes in the future will be sharing priests with neighboring parishes, do you have any specific recommendations concerning the assignment of priests in your area?
4. Of All the programs and services provided by the Diocesan offices, which does your parish value most? Include here any suggestions you might have on how to strengthen those services.
5. Do you have any suggestions on how your parish, or collaboratively with other parishes, could make Catholic schools more accessible and affordable?
6. As the Diocese Planning Committee begins its work to draft a preliminary plan for the parishes in your planning region, are there any obstacles that need to be faced?

The reports from each parish are due to the Chancellor's Office on March 15, 2010 and will be given to a Regional Planning Commission. Our Pastoral Council and Staff have been discussing these items over past two months and are presently formulating our responses. As the process unfolds, more information will be provided.

RECYCLING FUNDRAISER: Proceeds to Benefit the St. Jude Youth Mission Group. We are collecting unused cell phones, old digital cameras, laptop computers, radar detectors, inkjet cartridges, handheld game systems, etc. A box is in the foyer of the Center and also in the Church for such items.

Father Patrick Cahill Memorial Scholarship

Applications are now being accepted. The completed application (available in the parish office, on the bulletin board, or on line) must be received no later than April 1, 2010. Eligibility is not limited to high school seniors.

For inspiration during the Lenten season listen to AM 1410 WIHM, Catholic radio. Hear *Lenten Parish Mission* with Father Bill Casey and the Stations of the Cross. Plus, daily Holy Mass, the Holy Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet.



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March 8, 2010

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Once again, there is legislation in Springfield that would violate personal conscience to pay for the killing of the unborn with public money.

The so-called “Reproductive Health and Access Act” has been re-introduced in the Illinois General Assembly as House Bill 6205. You may recall last year’s version of this legislation, which sought to undermine healthcare workers’ rights of conscience, nullify the existing regulations of abortion, publicly fund abortions and mandate comprehensive sex education. I had hoped that last year’s widespread public opposition, and the inability of the proponents to advance their legislation to a vote, would dissuade policy makers from again proposing such an extreme and out of touch position.

This year’s legislation has been amended so that its most egregious demand is the use of public money to pay for all “reproductive health services.” These services include abortion, emergency contraception without pregnancy testing, and in-vitro fertilization for all Medicaid recipients, people on state health insurance plans, and any other programs providing state “medical assistance.” If this legislation becomes law, money you send to state government to meet the shared needs of society will instead be used to fund abortion and emergency contraception without pregnancy testing. At the very least, to add this kind of expense to the budget now is irresponsible.

House Bill 6205 violates the conscientious objection of many citizens. In 1844, Abraham Lincoln broke with his own party, the often anti-Catholic Whigs, and proposed: “Resolved, that the guarantee of the rights of conscience, as found in our Constitution, is most sacred and inviolable, and one that belongs no less to the Catholic, than to the Protestant; and that all attempts to abridge or interfere with these rights, either of Catholic or Protestant, directly or indirectly, have our decided disapprobation, and shall ever have our most effective opposition.” Lincoln’s position is as valid today as it was last year and in 1844. The tax dollars of Catholics and many other conscientious people must not be used to subsidize the taking of innocent human life.

Accordingly, I again ask you to make your voice heard in Springfield. Please contact your elected representatives this week and urge them to **oppose House Bill 6205**. If your representative indicates that they oppose the legislation, please thank them.

To find out the identity and contact information of your state representative in Springfield, go to Legislator Lookup at www.ilga.gov or call the Catholic Conference of Illinois at 312-368-1066. Thank you and God bless you. May the season of Lent bring all of us closer to the mercy of God.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Reverend Monsignor Carl A. Kemme
Diocesan Administrator